

Dave has received a number of honors and awards recognizing his contributions to public service. Some of the acknowledgements Dave has received for his work include:

Agriculture

- **Presidential Award for Leadership** from the **National Farmers Union** - for work on behalf of family farmers in the dairy industry.
- **Farmers Union Milk Marketing Cooperative Recognition** - for outstanding service to the family farmers and dairy industry of Wisconsin.
- **Golden Triangle Award** from the **National Farmers Union** - for outstanding leadership on behalf of family farm agriculture.

Congressional Reform

- **Political Reform Award** from **Common Cause** - for leadership on campaign finance reform.

Education

- **James G. O'Hara Education Leadership Award** from the **Committee for Education Funding** - for life-long commitment in support of the education of our nation's citizens and for outstanding leadership in advocating education as a congressional and national priority.
- **National Education Service Award** from the **American Association of Community Colleges for Leadership** - for enhancing access to the nation's community colleges.
- **William H. Natcher Congressional Distinguished Service Award** from the **Committee for Education Funding** - for leadership in public education.

- Legislative Leadership Award from the **Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities** - for leading the effort to expand student financial aid.
- Leadership Award from the **American Folk Life Center** - for efforts to document and preserve American folk life traditions.
- Certificate of Appreciation from **Smithsonian Folk Life Festival** - for expanding the knowledge of different cultures and nations.

Environment

- **Ansel Adams Conservation Award** from the **Wilderness Society** - for continuous efforts to protect and preserve America's natural heritage.
- **Friend of the Outdoor Industry Award** from the **Outdoor Industry Association** in appreciation for strong legislative leadership in support of parks and recreation opportunities for the American people.
- **International Energy Efficiency Award** from the **Energy Conservation Forum** - for leadership in supporting energy conservation internationally.

Health

- First Annual **William Proxmire Award** from **The Copper Ridge Institute** - in recognition of efforts in support of Alzheimer's Research and Care Giving.
- **The NORD National Health Leadership Award** from **The National Organization for Rare Disorders** - for leadership in the effort to promote NIH Discoveries.
- Leadership Award from **Best Buddies International** - for outstanding national leadership in support of the organization's one-to-one friendship programs for people with intellectual disabilities.
- **Health Leadership Award** from the **Wisconsin Medical Society** - for contributions to develop policies benefiting the health and welfare of Wisconsin.
- Legislative Achievement Award from the **Coalition for Health Care** - for leadership in

advancing America's ability to combat disease.

- **Polio Eradication Champion Award** from the **Rotary Club** - for playing a key role in combating polio.
- Legislative Service Award from the **National Association of Community Health Centers** - for leadership in expanding health care to the uninsured.
- Presidential Award for Distinguished Service from the **U.S. Committee for UNICEF** - for work to advance the health and education of the world's children.
- Leadership Award from **Kiwanis International** - for efforts to improve the health of America's children.
- **Children's Mental Health Lifetime Award** from the **National Mental Health Association** - for advocacy on behalf of children with severe mental disorders
- Distinguished Service Award from the **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill** - for efforts to increase understanding and treatment of mental illness.

Retirement Security

- **Claude Pepper Award** from the **National Council on Senior Citizens** - for distinguished service in protecting and strengthening Social Security.

Veterans Health

- Meritorious Service Award from **Wisconsin State Department** - for work on behalf of American Ex Prisoners of War.
- Government Affairs Recognition Award from the **Vietnam Veterans of America** - for support and direct assistance with Agent Orange Benefits Act.
- Certificate of Commendation from the **State of Wisconsin's Department of Veterans Affairs** - for outstanding contributions to the welfare of veterans in Wisconsin and throughout the nation.

Workers

- **Worker Champion Award** from the **7th Congressional District AFL-CIO** - for continuous advocacy of the needs of America's working men and women.

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